

## **Acton Council on Aging Board Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2011**

**Present:** Barbara Tallone, Chair; Barbara Willson, Secretary; Ann Corcoran, Treasurer; Sharon Mercurio, Director; Steve Baran; Pat Ellis; Sally Thompson; Paul Turner; Norma Wu, Liaison Friends of the COA; Sgt. Ray Grey, Liaison Police Department; Paulina Knibbe of Acton 2020 Committee, guest.

**Absent:** Charlie Aaronson, Vice Chair; Jim Papachristos; Mike Gowing, Liaison Board of Selectmen.

### **Call To Order: Barbara Tallone**

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Tallone at 3:45 on October 3, 2011 at the Senior Center.

### **Items Distributed at meeting or available electronically:**

Agenda for October COA meeting

Minutes of the September meeting (DRAFT)

Director's Report

COA BOARD POSITION ON NEW SENIOR CENTER

Four Acton 2020 statements:

Revised Goals and Objectives: FINAL DRAFT

Acton 2020 meeting schedule

Goal #4

Implementation Plan-Goal #4

### **Information about Acton 2020's Meeting of October 12: Paulina Knibbe**

As a member of the Acton 2020 Committee Paulina Knibbe urged COA Board members to attend the October 12, 2011 of Acton 2020. The focus will be on Goal #4: Provide More Opportunities for Community Gathering and Recreation. Discussion of a need for a community center/senior center will take place at this meeting. Ms. Knibbe noted that seniors' opinions and data about the current Senior Center should be presented. To date the needs of older citizens have been invisible to those planning for the future. Barbara Tallone and Sharon Mercurio will attend to present the COA Board's official position about a new Senior Center and current data and problems of the present Senior Center. Ms. Knibbe suggested that many seniors should contact Acton 2020 by telephone or email if they cannot attend the meeting.

### **Vice Chair Report: (By-Laws, Mission Statement): Charlie Aaronson**

Charlie Aaronson was absent. No report.

### **Review of the Minutes of September, 2011: Barbara Willson**

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted with spelling and typographical corrections.

### **Director Report: Sharon Mercurio**

#### **PROGRAMS**

See attached Director's Report

The Director attended several town committee meetings, and headed the Program Subcommittee of the Senior Center Building Committee. She covered the responsibilities of the Outreach Coordinator prior to hiring and training a new employee. She submitted budgets and capital requests for FY13.

A variety of interesting programs are scheduled for this fall and are announced in the October Municipal Quarterly as well as the newsletter. Flu shots will be administered several times.

**Senior Center Building Committee**

Subcommittees are updating information on the 2009 Senior Center Expansion Committee report. The Programs Subcommittee will meet next week to develop new graphs from current Senior Center data.

**Treasurer Report: Ann Corcoran**

No report.

**Liaison Board of Selectmen: Mike Gowing**

Mike Gowing was absent. No report.

**Liaison Friends of COA: Norma Wu**

Plans for the Holiday Fair on November 5 continue with 49 colorful flyers being distributed at the Acton Boxborough Farmer's Market Sunday, October 2, 2011. In addition to the booths and tables mentioned at the September meeting there will be items from estate sales and foods available in the kitchen/lunch room.

\$1600 has been guaranteed for next year's classes.

**Liaison Acton Police: Sgt Raymond Grey**

No report.

**Liaison Minuteman Senior Services: Charlie Aaronson**

Charlie Aaronson was absent. No report.

**New Business:**

**Senior Tax Relief: Pat Ellis**

H3466 is still in committee.

**Adjournment-Next Meeting: Barbara Tallone**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday Nov.14, 2011 at 3:45 P.M. at the Senior Center.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Barbara Willson, Secretary**

